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MEDIA ADVISORY

Falls Church City: What Are We Becoming? Community Groups Organize City's First Deliberation Day

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Falls Church City residents and business persons will have the chance to be heard and have a reason to listen at the first-ever Deliberation Day – a town meeting modeled after ones held in 18th century New England. The topic of discussion for Deliberation Day is "Falls Church City: What Are We Becoming?"

On Deliberation Day, participants will move through segments of small and large group discussions to give people of varying interests and backgrounds an equal chance to have their questions answered and their opinions registered.

Mayor Robin Gardner, Planning Commission Chair Ruth Rodgers, Economic Development Authority Chair Ed Salzberg, and School Board Chair Craig Cheney will comprise a panel designed to respond directly to citizens' questions. At the end, community organizations will offer the opportunity to learn and do more.

Deliberation Falls Church City (DFCCVA) is led by a steering committee of Falls Church City community and civic organizations, which includes Citizens for a Better City, the Falls Church League of Women Voters, and the Village Preservation and Improvement Society. Deliberation Day will be held on Saturday, March 17 at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Participation is free and open to all City residents of high school age and older. For more information visit www.DFCCVA.org or call Ellen Gross at 703-533-8197.

WHAT: Deliberation Day

WHEN: Saturday, March 17, 2007 **TIME:** 8: 45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School

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